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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6,  
Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 18, relative to  
gynecological cancers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 18, is amended by  
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§68-1-1805.

(a) It shall be a priority of the office of women's health to disseminate current, accurate information regarding women's gynecological cancers, (including, but not necessarily limited to, signs and symptoms, risk factors, the benefits of early detection through appropriate diagnostic testing, and treatment options). The office shall cause such information to be disseminated to Tennessee consumers, patients and health care providers.

(b) Such dissemination may include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following means:

- (1) Print, audio, video, electronic or other media;
- (2) Public service announcements; and

(3) Advertisements.

(c)

(1) Acting with approval of the commissioner of health, the office of women's health may produce or contract with others to develop informational materials or may survey available publications from, among other sources, the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society, and may collect and formulate a distribution plan. Informational materials may be made available to the public free of charge.

(2) By rule promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, the department of health may require specified categories of licensed health care providers to distribute such materials to their patients.

(d) In implementing the provisions of this section, the office shall consult with the advisory committee appointed pursuant to §68-1-1804.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act. Implementation of the provisions of this section is contingent upon the department receiving funds appropriated for this purpose.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§63-6-232. The physician, having primary responsibility for performing or supervising a patient's annual gynecological examination, must provide or cause to be provided to the patient at the time of such examination a standardized, layperson's summary containing a description of the symptoms and appropriate methods of diagnoses for gynecological cancers. Existing publications developed by nationally recognized cancer organizations are not precluded by this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.